



PTO/SB/08A (10-01)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	10/717.887
		Filing Date	11/20/2003
		First Named Inventor	Michael W. Allen
		Art Unit	
Examiner Name		Attorney Docket Number	1118 001 301 02
Sheet	1	of	1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)			
A	1	US-4631470	12-23-1986	Bingley	
A	2	US-4825350	04-25-1989	Brackman, Jr.	
A	3	US-5122724	06-16-1992	Criss	
A	4	US-5420780	05-30-1995	Bernstein et al.	
A	5	US-5499184	03-12-1996	Squibb	
A	6	US-5636109	06-03-1997	Carroll	
A	7	US-5640312	06-17-1997	Carroll	
A	8	US-5926373	07-20-1999	Stevens	
A	9	US-6005773	12-21-1999	Rozman et al.	
A	10	US-6222749	04-21-2001	Peron	
A	11	US-6349045	02-19-2002	Kögel et al.	
A	12	US-6493245	12-10-2002	Phadke	
A	13	US-6669495	12-30-2003	Philips et al.	
A	14	US-6674271	01-06-2004	Choo et al.	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Country Code ³	Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)			

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	1/20/06
-----------------------	--	--------------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional)? See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.